

## The Honorable John C. Coughenour

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

| NO. CR20-032 JCC

Plaintiff,

V.

CAMERON SHEA,

## **GOVERNMENT'S OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR EARLY TERMINATION**

**Defendant.**

Shea moves for early termination of supervision a little more than two years into his three-year term. By all accounts, Shea has done very well on supervision. Officer James has only positive things to say about Shea's performance on supervision. And the government is not aware of any misconduct by Shea.

The motion should nonetheless be denied. Shea’s criminal behavior was longstanding and incredibly serious. He was one of the two leaders of the plot to target journalists and activists at their homes with personalized posters that threatened violence in the name of Atomwaffen. Shea mailed three posters himself—one to a local journalist, and two to individuals affiliated with the Anti-Defamation League. Shea’s conduct, however, extended beyond the mere actions that he carried out. As the Court observed, he participated in the conspiracy with enthusiasm. He cheered on other participants, and

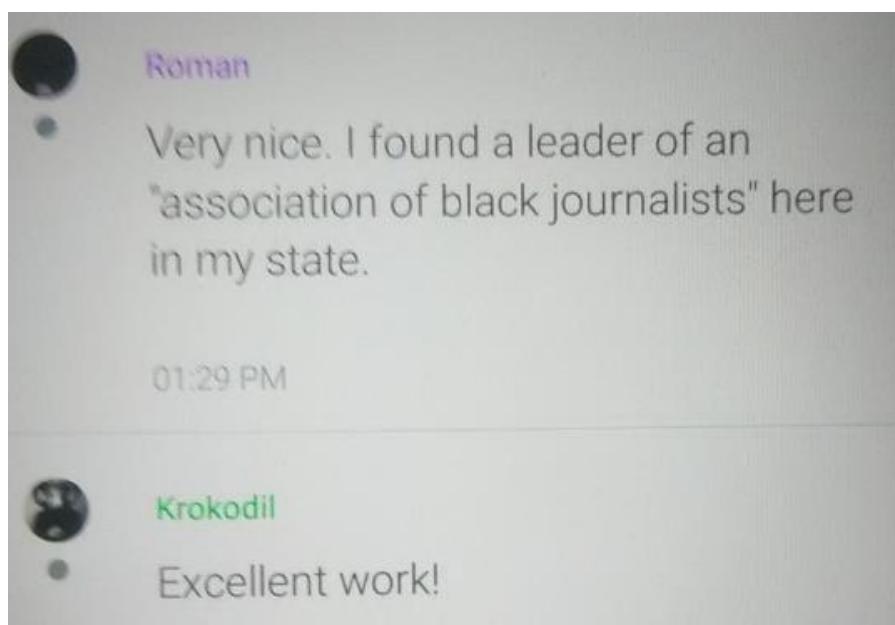
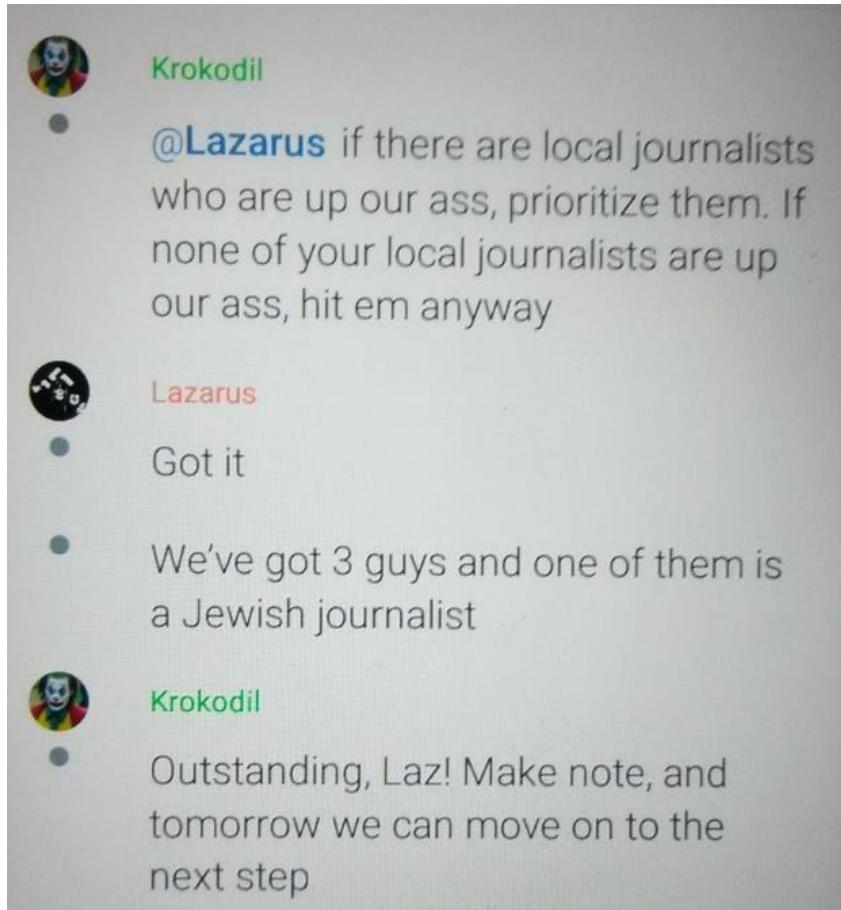
1 encouraged them to identity additional victims to target. He recruited members for  
2 Atomwaffen. And he repeatedly encouraged and glorified hate.

3 Shea used the moniker “Krokodil” during the scheme. He announced the scheme  
4 to his fellow Atomwaffen members:

5  Krokodil  
6  
7 Also, I wanted to run this by you:  
8 we're coordinating this nation wide  
9 operation called Operation Erste  
10 Säule, named after the first pillar of  
11 stat power, AKA the media. We will be  
12 posterizing journalists houses and  
13 media buildings to send a clear  
14 message that we too have leverage  
15 over them, and that we aren't scared  
16 of their articles or public defamation.  
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18 The goal, of course, is to erode the  
19 media/states air of legitimacy by  
20 showing people they have names  
21 and addresses, and hopefully  
22 embolden others to act as well. Do  
23 you have anyone in the East Coast  
24 Alumni who would be willing to  
25 partake?  
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1 He repeatedly encouraged his fellow members to identify journalists and activists  
2 to target:



Shea encouraged the group to implement the operation on a single night, stating:

## Krokodil

I also want to add: I think we should do this project on the same night. All of us, for two important reasons:

1. If some journo's get hit before others, they will perhaps see it coming and prepare
  2. It would be a good show of force, demonstrating we are capable of massive coordination

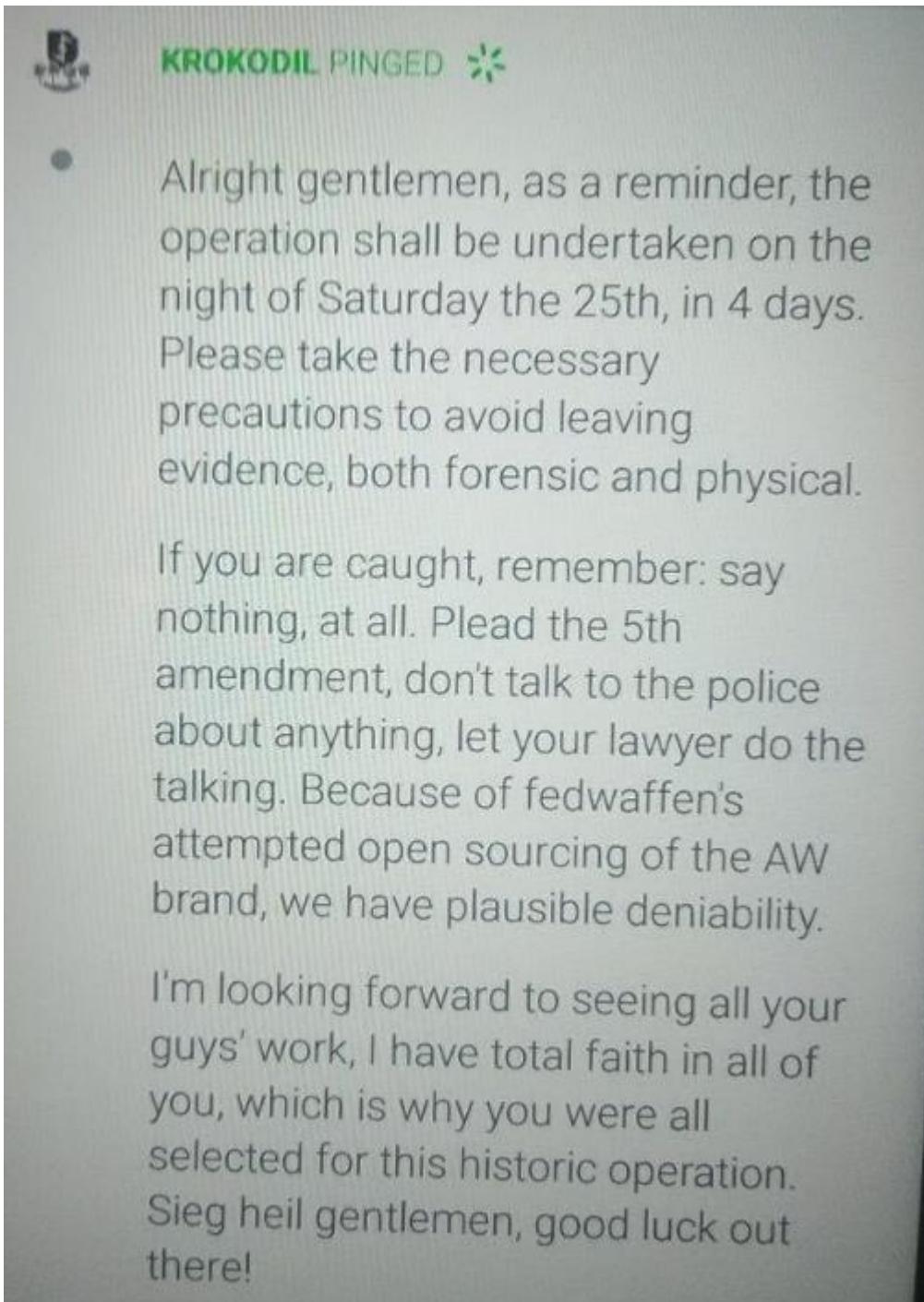
Shea encouraged members to take steps to avoid being caught by law enforcement. He advised the group:

## Krokodil

And wear medical gloves when handling all materials, make sure both the destination and return address (if you're dumb enough to add one) are printed on paper and cut out + taped onto envelope, no hand writing allowed.; when sealing the envelope, use a q-tip dipped in water instead of your tongue, unless you want the FBI to have your DNA

Little things man, little things. Study how others were caught and improve on their techniques

1 He further advised the group:



In addition, Shea repeatedly displayed enthusiasm for hate. When someone posted about a mass shooting at a synagogue, and that only one person died, Shea replied that it was “better than nothing.”



Synagogue shooting kills 1, wounds 3 during Jewish holiday

Krokodil

Meh tier assault, but better than nothing

1 When an AWD member said that he had posterized bus shelters, Shea expressed  
 2 encouragement for making people fearful:

- 3     • I hit a ton of bus-stop shelters
- 4
- 5     • None of them are there, so, job well
- 6         done!
- 7
- 8     • Unfortunately flyering doesn't do too
- 9         much more than give media
- 10         something to use to make money
- 11
- 12     • And let people know that the
- 13         boogieman is still under the bed



14                   Krokodil



15                   Well, letting them know the  
 16                   boogieman is still there is important

17 And he relished a leadership role in the organization, helping to recruit members:



18                   Krokodil

19                   Do we have any cells in or near Tennessee?  
 20                   Interviewing a prospect here



21                   8:06 PM

The government does not mean to diminish the strides that Shea has taken since he was arrested. But those strides occurred on a backdrop that could not be more serious. To ensure the continued rehabilitation of Shea, and the protection of the community, Shea should serve his full term of supervision.

Dated this 10th day of December, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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